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No. 611E, dated Calcutta, the 21st April 1888.

From—J. G G. GRANT, Esq., M.D., Superintendent of Emigration,
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honuor to submit, for the information of Government, the report on inland emigration for the year ending 31st December 1887.

REPORT ON INLAND EMIGRATION FOR THE YEAR 1887.

SECTION I.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES.

Licenses issued by the Embarkation Agent at Dhubri to steamers under the Inland Emigration Act to be considered valid in Bengal.

It was represented to Government, early in the year under report, that licenses issued by the Embarkation Agent at Dhubri to the mail steamers of the River Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of emigrants were not recognised by the Officiating Embarkation Agent at Goalundo. An explanation, called for by Government, having been submitted by the Goalundo officer, showing that the grounds of his action were not those ascribed to it, orders were issued directing that licenses granted under the authority of the Chief Commissioner of Assam by the Embarkation Agent at Dhubri, permitting steamers to carry emigrants under the Inland Emigration Act, are to be regarded as valid in the Lower Provinces.

Inspection of emigrants at Mugra discontinued, and their way-bills modified accordingly.

2. As the opening of the Hooghly Bridge, connecting the East Indian and Eastern Bengal Railways, admitted of emigrants being transmitted uninterruptedly from one line to the other, and had altered the conditions under which it was found necessary to require them with their way-bills to be placed for inspection before the medical officer at Mugra, it was considered undesirable to insist any longer on their detention at that place. Accordingly revised forms of way-bills for contractors and sardari emigrants, dispensing with the inspection at Mugra. were approved by Government, and published for general information in the *Calcutta Gazette* under notification dated the 23rd August 1887.

Revised scale of disinfectants sanctioned.

3. The scale of disinfectants hitherto in force was revised, and Jeye's powder and purifier were sanctioned for use in the amended scale published under notification dated the 13th of September 1887.

Transfer of embarkation arrangements to new Goalundo ghât, Rajbaree.

4. In October, owing to the rapid erosion of the river bank at Goalundo, it became necessary to remove the terminus of the Eastern Bengal State Railway to Rajbaree, situated some miles distant from the river, and to transfer the arrangements for the embarkation of emigrants to new Goalundo ghât, Rajbaree. In November, therefore, the construction was begun at Rajbaree of an office building for the Embarkation Agent, Government having sanctioned, for this purpose, an expenditure from the Labour Transport Fund of Rs. 431-4-9.

SECTION II.

RECRUITMENT.

RECRUITING AGENCIES.

(a).—Contractors.

Serial number.	NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	LICENSES. Date of grant. Renewed licenses.	LICENSES. Date of grant. Original licenses.	LICENSES. Date of cancellation or termination.	Situation of depôts.	REMARKS.
1	Mr. M. Mackertich ...	8th March 1887 ...	..	31st July 1887 ...	Sealdah.	
2	Baboo J. L. Dutt	28th April ,, ...	. .		Do. ...	Retired from the business.
3	,, A. T. Mukerjee ...	12th May ,, ...	.....	.....	Entally.	
4	Mr. O. B. Andrews	17th July ,, ...	.. .	.....	Do.	

The operations of licensed contractors did not differ materially in extent from those of the previous year; and their working number was reduced to three by the retirement of Baboo Janoki Nath Dutt from business.

(*b*).—*Recruiters.*

Serial number.	Names of contractors for whom the recruiters were licensed.	During the year 1887.										
		Number of licenses granted to recruiters.	Licenses cancelled.								Total number of emigrants recruited.	Average number collected by each recruiter.
			For misconduct.		At contractor's request.		At recruiter's request.		Total number.	Percentage to total cancellation.		
			Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.				
1	Mr. M. Mackertich	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	636	39
2	Baboo J. N. Dutt	12	.....	..	... ..	.....	... ..	.....	.....	... .	468	39
3	,, A. T. Mukerjee	16	1	6·25	.....	.....	... ..	... ..	1	6 25	1,289	80
4	Mr. O. B. Andrews	21	.....	.....	. .	.	.. ...	.....	. ...	.	531	25
	Total ...	65	1	1·53	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1·53	2,924	45

Though the number of recruiters' licenses granted during the year was less by 41 than that of the previous year, the number of emigrants recruited was nearly the same; and therefore the average number of coolies collected by each was larger. This result may, I think, be ascribed to the fact that under the free emigration system larger numbers of coolies were brought within reach of licensed recruiters, who doubtless availed themselves of such opportunities of securing labour.

Only one recruiter had to be deprived of his license for having been implicated in the irregular recruitment, at Bhaugulpore, of a woman claimed as wife by a man who complained of her abduction. There was not sufficient evidence to inflict a severe punishment in this case.

(*c*).—*Local agents.*

(Licensed under section 59 of Act I of 1882.)

Names of employers and of agents through whom employers obtained licenses for their local agents.	Number of licenses.		Local area of recruitment.
	Granted.	Cancelled.	
Messrs. Schoene, Kilburn and Company	2	.....	Lohardugga and Manbhoom.
,, Octavius, Steel and Company; Hoare, Miller and Company; Agra Bank, Limited; Finlay, Muir and Company; Shaw, Wallace and Company; Begg, Dunlop and Company; George Henderson and Company; Williamson, Magor and Company; Whitney Brothers and Company; Andrew Yule and Company; Macneill and Company; Balmer, Lawrie and Company; Duncan Brothers; Planters' Stores and Agency Company.	13	... ..	Jamalpur, Burrakur, Gya, Beerbhoom, Burdwan, Ranigunge, Bancoora, Doomka, Singbhoom, Shahabad, Durbhunga, Midnapur, Deoghur, Godda, Manbhoom, Hazaribagh, Jamooie, Jamtara, Kharmatar, Monghyr, Rajmehal, Lohardugga, Boidonath, Giridi, Pachamba, Doomrachuttee, and Palamow.
Messrs. Robinson, Morrison and Company ..	1	.....	Hazaribagh.
Messrs. Bird and Company; Finlay, Muir and Company; Grindlay and Company; Barry and Company; Davenport and Company; Octavius, Steel and Company; Gillanders, Arbuthnot and Company.	18	.....	Beerbhoom, Burdwan, Ranigunge, Rajmehal, Doomka, Pachamba, Deoghur, Hazaribagh, Manbhoom Singbhoom, Midnapur, Balasore, Gvindpur, Cuttack, Monghyr, Bhagalpur, Gya, Patna, Durbhunga, Arrah, Buxar, Lohardugga, Bankoora, Nuddea, and 24-Pergunnahs.
Messrs Gisborne and Company		.....	Hazaribagh.
Total ...	35		

The number of licensed local agents was four less than that of 1886, but the total number of certificated garden sardars and of those amongst them who

worked under local agents exceeded by 312 and 157, respectively, the corresponding numbers of 1886 :—

(d).—Garden sardar recruiters.

Year.	Number of certificates granted.	Number of sardars under local agents.	Number of certificates cancelled.
1887	2,440	1,941	Nil.
1886	2,128	1,784	6

As it was not found necessary to cancel for misconduct during the year any licenses or certificates granted to local agents or sardars, it may be inferred that their work was, on the whole, properly carried on.

The number of sardars authorized to recruit during each of the last five years is given below to facilitate comparison :—

Year.	Number of certificates granted to garden sardars.
1883	2,897
1884	3,183
1885	1,743
1886	2,128
1887	2,440

It will be seen further on that, notwithstanding the increased number of certificated sardars in 1887, the number of emigrants registered through them was again less, instead of more, than that in 1886; and as this decrease occurred simultaneously with the continued increase of free emigration, it seems evident, so far at least as recruitment for Assam is concerned, that many of the sardars employed did not utilize their certificates, but collected free labourers instead.

Certificated garden sardarnis, or female recruiters.

(*e*) It is gathered from particulars furnished by district officers that no garden sardarnis or certificated female recruiters were employed during the year, excepting a few in the following places:—

In 'Ranigunge five, of whom only one supplied twenty coolies to the agent.

In Manbhoom three, who do not appear to have brought up any coolies for registration.

In Gya two, one of whom recruited ten emigrants for Sylhet, and the other eight for Assam.

There is nothing worthy of notice in connection with the conduct of these ten women, who, so far as is known, worked satisfactorily. Though there were no garden sardarnis in Dumka, it appears that several unlicensed females were surreptitiously employed by recruiters to collect young females. Of these unlicensed female recruiters, the Joint-Magistrate of Dumka observes that "they enter villages unsuspected, and they get away with abducted females long before the latter are missed. As they work secretly, there is always great difficulty in getting evidence against them."

(f).—Intending emigrants and their dependents registered for transmission to the labour districts viâ *Calcutta, Goalundo or Kooshtea.*

Year.	Recruited by licensed recruiters on behalf of contractors.			Recruited by garden sardars	Recruited by garden sardars and registered for Chittagong.	Total number registered.
	Registered for transmission through licensed depôts.					
	Viâ Calcutta for Assam, Cachar and Sylhet.	*Viâ* Goalundo for Cachar and Sylhet.	Total.	Registered for transmission *viâ* Goalundo, Kooshtea, or other routes exclusive of Dhubri.		
1887	2,924	Nil	2,924	2,880	17	5,821

The following statement shows, for the five years ending the 31st December 1887, the number of emigrants registered for transmission *viâ* Calcutta, Goalundo or Kooshtea, independently of the Dhubri route :—

Year.	Contractors' coolies.	Sardars' coolies.	Total.	Percentage of sardars' to contractors' coolies.
1883	9,875	5,291	15,167	53·5
1884	7,081	10,235	17,316	144·5
1885	4,398	5,709	10,107	129·8
1886	2,945	5,373	8,318	182·4
1887	2,924	2,897	5,821	99·07

In 1887, the number of emigrants registered on account of contractors and garden sardars, respectively, for transmission to the labour districts independently of the Dhubri route was in each case less than in 1886; but the reduction is most marked in the case of sardars' coolies, their percentage to contractors' coolies having fallen from 182·4 in 1886 to 99·0 in 1887.

Similarly, a reduction is also noticeable in the case of sardars' coolies registered for transmission *viâ* Dhubri to Assam. This will be seen in the following statement, which has been compiled from figures furnished by district officers; and, as regards free emigrants, from information supplied by the Embarkation Agent at Dhubri.

Intending emigrants and their dependents registered for transmission *viâ* Dhubri to Assam :—

Class of Emigrants.	Year. 1886.	1887.
Registered through garden sardars	4,751	3,868
Free emigrants (not registered) { Placed on local contracts at Dhubri	12,419	21,323
Free emigrants (not registered) { Continued to proceed as free emigrants	715	528
Registered for licensed contractors, and forwarded from Calcutta *viâ* Dhubri to Assam	16	None.
Total ...	17,901	25,719

No information is available in this office regarding free emigration to Cachar and Sylhet; but the above figures for Assam show to how great an extent emigration under that system had continued to increase during the year 1887.

(g).—Recruiting districts.

1.--Contractors' coolies transmitted through the Calcutta depôts.

Contractors.	Bengal.						Behar.				North-Western Provinces.	Grand total.
	24-Pergunnahs.	Burdwan.	Midnapore.	Hazaribagh.	Bankoora.	Total.	Monghyr.	Shahabad.	Bhagulpore.	Total.	Ghazipore.	
Mr. M Mackertich ...	502	9	23	36	...	570	.	47	5	52	14	636
Baboo J. N. Dutt	239	60	...	18	5	322	71	65		146	...	468
,, A. T. Mukerjee	816	206	..	...	..	1,082	..	198	9	207	.....	1,289
Mr. O. B. Andrews	399	6	26	...	97	528	.	.	13	13		541
Total ...	1,956	341	49	54	102	2,502	71	310	27	408	14	2,924

(*a*). Excepting 14 emigrants, who were registered at Ghazipore—North-Western Provinces—under a license inadvertently granted in Bengal, and withdrawn as soon as the oversight was discovered, all the contractors continued, as before, to limit their work of recruitment to Bengal and Behar.

In the subjoined statement the districts of registration are arranged in the order of their importance as sources of supply :—

Provinces.	Total number registered in each district.	Districts in which registered.	Percentage to total number registered in each district of those who were residents of the district in which registered.
Bengal ...	1,956	24-Pergunnahs	0·51
	341	Burdwan	21·40
	102	Bankoora	74·50
	54	Hazaribagh	98·14
	49	Midnapore	61 22
Total ...	2,502		
Behar	310	Shahabad	59·35
	71	Monghyr	54·92
	27	Bhagulpore	40·74
Total ...	408		
N.-W. Provinces ...	14	Ghazipore ...	50·
Total ...	14		
Total ...	2,924	of all districts	

The 24 Pergunnahs and Burdwan continued to head the list as places of registration in Bengal; and Shahabad (where no registrations were effected last year) follows next in order as the chief place of registration in Behar. It is not improbable that reduced emigration to the colonies has favoured the emigration of Beharis to the labour districts.

(*b*). The following particulars as to those who were residents and non-residents, respectively, of the places in which they were registered have been collected from statement No. VIII of the appendix :—

Provinces.	Districts of registration.	Number of emigrants registered in each district.	Number of residents of district of registration included in number registered.	Percentage of residents (column 4) to number registered (column 3).	Number of emigrants of other districts included in number registered.	Percentage of emigrants of other districts (column 6) to number registered (column 3).
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bengal	24-Pergunnahs	1,956	10	0 51	1,946	99·48
	Burdwan	341	73	21·40	268	78 59
	Bancoora	102	76	74·50	26	25 49
	Hazaribagh	54	53	98·14	1	1·85
	Midnapore	49	30	61·22	19	38·77
Behar	Shahabad	310	184	59 35	126	40 64
	Monghyr	71	39	54 92	32	45 07
	Bhagulpore	27	11	40·74	16	59·25
North-Western Provinces.	Ghazeepore	14	7	50	7	50

It will be observed that the proportion of those who were residents or natives of the districts in which they were registered was largest in Hazaribagh and Bancoorah, and smallest, as in former years, in the 24-Pergunnahs and Burdwan, where registration was most active. The number of free emigrants drawn to Calcutta from other districts in the hope of being engaged on behalf of the several firms interested in tea, and of labourers also attracted hither from other districts with the prospect of employment in connection with the Kidderpore docks under construction, mills and factories in the neighbourhood

of Calcutta, has doubtless tended to facilitate recruitment, and consequently to increase the registrations effected in the 24-Pergunnahs. In the course of the year I have repeatedly questioned coolies registered in the 24-Pergunnahs, and they have almost invariably stated that they had come to Calcutta of their own accord in search of employment, and without any inducements or assistance from recruiters. It is nevertheless probable that, in many instances if the coolies had not been previously tutored to conceal the facts, they might with truth have admitted they were originally brought down by free recruiters, who, failing to find employment for them, had arranged to make them over, if willing, to licensed recruiters for registration here.

(*c*). For the reasons explained in last year's annual report, all the contractors continued to forward their coolies from Calcutta, the depôts at Goalundo having been used, as hitherto, only for the temporary accommodation of coolies embarking there.

2.—Statement of sardars' emigrants registered in the several districts of Bengal and Behar, and forwarded, *vid* Goalundo or Kooshtea, independently of contractors during the year 1887.

Labour Districts.	Total of all Districts.			Bengal.										Behar.						Grand Total.
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Lohardugga.	Hazaribagh.	Manbhoom.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Burdwan.	Bankoora.	Midnapore.	Beerbhoom.	Nuddea.	Total.	Monghyr.	Shahabad.	Gya.	Bhagulpore.	Patna.	Total.	
Assam	60	18	78	56	1	...	6	15	...	...	...	...	78	...	...	...	...	...	...	78
Cachar... ...	1,116	659	1,775	336	335	174	112	54	38	67	...	5	1,111	283	191	123	34	33	664	1,775
Sylhet	616	411	1,027	203	233	80	75	49	45	17	2	...	704	48	112	163	...	...	323	1,027
Total ...	1,792	1,088	2,880	595	569	254	193	118	83	74	2	5	1,893	331	303	286	34	33	987	2,820

As before remarked, a very large reduction, amounting to 2,493 emigrants, is noticeable in the number registered through garden sardars for transmission *vid* Goalundo or Kooshtea. Of this class, the largest portion taken from Bengal was registered at Lohardugga, Hazaribagh, and Manbhoom, and that from Behar, at Monghyr, Shahabad and Gya.

Besides the above, however, 17 emigrants, or 15 labourers and 2 dependents, were registered in the Sonthal Pergunnahs by a garden sardar for service in Chittagong:—

Summary.

	Contractors.	
	1886.	1887.
1. Number of emigrants and their dependents registered for transmission through the Calcutta depôts to the districts of Assam, Cachar and Sylhet	2,945	2,924
	Garden sardars.	
2. Number of emigrants and their dependents registered to proceed *vid* Goalundo or Kooshtea, independently of the depôts, to the districts of Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet	5,373	2,880
3. Number of emigrants and their dependents registered for Chittagong on behalf of garden sardars	Nil	17
Grand Total ...	8,318	5,821

It is apparent from the above summary that the total number of emigrants registered in 1887 for transmission, *vid* Calcutta, Goalundo or Kooshtea, both on behalf of contractors and garden sardars, was less than in 1886; but that contractors' coolies were only 21 short of the number for the previous year.

SECTION III.

TRANSPORT.

(A).—*Routes followed.*

YEAR.	ACCOMMODATED IN THE CALCUTTA DEPÔTS.			ARRIVED AT GOALUNDO.										EMBARKED AT GOALUNDO.				ARRIVED AT DHUBRI FROM CALCUTTA.	REMARKS.
				Vid CALCUTTA.			INDEPENDENTLY OF CALCUTTA.												
				Travelled by East Indian Railway, or by boat, or on foot to Calcutta, thence by Eastern Bengal Railway to Goalundo.			Travelled by East Indian Railway, or by boat or on foot to Mugra station, thence crossing the Hooghly, to Kanchrapara, thence by Eastern Bengal Railway to Goalundo.											Travelled by East Indian Railway, or by boat to Calcutta, thence by Eastern Bengal Railway to Damookdia, thence by steam ferry across the Ganges or Pudma to Sara, thence by Northern Bengal State Railway to Kooshe, and thence to Dhubri.	
							Contractors.			Sardari.									
	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals during the current year.	Total.	Balance of previous year at Goalundo.	Arrivals.	Total.	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals.	Total.	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals.	Total.	Grand total.	For Assam.	For Cachar.	For Sylhet.	Total.		
1887 ...	138	2,876	3,014*	...	2,289	2,290†	...	...	...	...	101	101	2,391	859	1,367	153	2,379	Nil ...	Seventeen emigrants were recruited by garden sardars and registered for Chittagong

* Including one infant born in depôt at Calcutta.
† Ditto ditto at Goalundo.

Thus, as above shown of the total number of 2,391 emigrants and their dependents who adopted the Goalundo route, 2,290 were forwarded by the licensed contractors from Calcutta, and 101 proceeded in charge of garden sardars for Assam, though, at the time of registration, only 78 were registered for the Goalundo route. In addition to the above, the 17 sardari emigrants registered for Chittagong probably passed through Calcutta to their destination.

(*B*).—*Emigrants and their dependents forwarded through the Calcutta depôts.*

1.—Particulars prior to arrival at Calcutta.

CONTRACTORS.	TOTAL OF ALL DISTRICTS.			PARTICULARS OF MOFUSSIL DEPÔTS.										Total number despatched from all districts.	PARTICULARS OF JOURNEY TO CALCUTTA.								GRAND TOTAL OF CASUALTIES AND DETENTIONS SUBSEQUENT TO REGISTRATION, BUT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT DEPÔT.		Number arrived.
				Detained.		Discharged.		Deserted.		Died.		Total.			Detained.		Deserted.		Died.		Total.				
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		Number	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	
Mr. M. Mackertich ...	535	101	636	...	...	...	...	2	0·31	...	...	2	0·31	634	..	...	8	1·26	...	...	8	1·26	10	1·57	626
Baboo J. N. Dutt ...	394	64	458	..	...	.		9	1·96	...	..	9	1·96	449	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	9	1·96	449.
„ A. T. Mukerjee	1,097	192	1,289	...	...	...	...	7	0·54	...	...	7	0 54	1,282	...	...	16	1·24	...	..	16	1·24	23	1 78	1,267*
Mr. O. B. Andrews .	483	58	541	...	...	1	0·18	6	1·10	...		7	1·29	534		...	1	0·18	...	..	1	0 18	8	1 47	533
Total ...	2,509	415	2,924	...	...	1	0·03	24	0 82	...	...	25	0 85	2,899	..	...	25	0·86		...	25	0·86	50	1·70	2,875

* One infant born on the journey to Calcutta.

It appears that the aggregate number of 2,924 contractors' emigrants and their dependents was reduced, prior to arrival at Calcutta, by 50, or 1·70 per cent. There were no deaths, and the results at this stage bear favourable comparison with those of the previous year.

Duration of contracts entered into by labourers embarked for the labour districts.

5. It is shown in the following statement of the number of labourers forwarded by contractors during the last two years under engagements to serve for three and five years, respectively, that though in 1887 the proportion of five-year contracts for service in Assam exceeded that of 1886, the proportion of five-year contracts for service in the labour districts taken collectively was less than in 1886:—

Labour districts for which engaged.	1886.				1887.			
	Total number of labourers.	Number of labourers who entered into contract		Percentage of five-year contracts.	Total number of labourers.	Number of labourers who entered into contracts		Percentage of five-year contracts.
		For three years.	For five years.			For three years.	For five years.	
Assam	642	530	112	17·44	651	509	142	21 81
Cachar...	1,037	953	84	8·10	1,132	1,132	.....	.....
Sylhet	298	298	.....	..	139	139	.....	.....
Total ...	1,977	1,751	69	9·91	1,922	1,780	142	7 39

The particulars in the subjoined statement, based on figures kindly furnished by district officers, appear to indicate a slightly reduced inclination on the part of labourers recruited by garden sardars in 1887 to enter into five-year engagements; though, as observed in last year's annual report, and probably for the reasons there put forward, the proportion of sardari coolies, who engaged for the longer period of service, is much larger than that of contractors' coolies:—

Total number of labourers engaged by gardon sardars and placed on contract in recruiting districts.	Number of labourers who entered into contract		Percentage of five-year contracts.
	For three years.	For five years.	
4,159	2,605	1,554	37 36

Bi-weekly despatch of emigrants from Calcutta.

6. Arrangements for the bi-weekly despatch of emigrants from the Calcutta depôts continued in operation throughout the year.

Continued reduction in the number of emigrants embarked by contractors for Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet.

7. From the following statement of the total number of emigrants embarked by contractors in the course of the last two years, it appears that there was a reduction of 163 in the number of emigrants embarked in 1887; and that, as in 1886, this was due to the smaller numbers for Assam and Sylhet, whilst the number for Cachar continued to increase:—

Embarked at.	Destination.	For the year	
		1886.	1887.
Goalundo	Assam	847	758
	Cachar	2,191	1,367
	Sylhet	361	153
Dhubri	Assam	14	Nil
	Total ...	2,441	2,278

C.—Goalundo.

Where from.	Number despatched to Goalundo.	Deduction for casualties on the journey to Goalundo.	Arrived at Goalundo.
Calcutta depôts	2,291	2	2,289
Recruiting districts direct	Nil.	Nil	Nil

1. The above statement shows that all the emigrants despatched by licensed contractors to the labour districts in 1887 were sent from Calcutta

vid Goalundo; and the following summary gives the chief particulars relating to the total number of emigrants forwarded by them for embarkation at that place during the last two years:—

Summary.

	1886.			1887.		
	Deductions.		Number of souls.	Deductions.		Number of souls.
	Number.	Percentage.		Number.	Percentage.	
Despatched from Calcutta to Goalundo	.....	.....	2,422	.....	.....	2,291
Deduct for casualties on the journey	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deaths	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Desertions	.....	.....	.....	2	·08	.....
Born on the journey to Goalundo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arrived at Goalundo from Calcutta	.....	.....	2,422	.....	.....	2,289
Born at Goalundo depôt	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Balance of previous year in Goalundo	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	None
Total number accommodated in depôt	.....	.....	2,433	.....	.....	2,290
Deduct for casualties at Goalundo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Desertions	6	·024	.....	1	·04	.....
Deaths	.....	.....	.....	1	·04	.....
Release from engagement	.....	.....	.....	1	·04	.....
Rejections	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Balance available for despatch to labour districts	.....	.....	2,427	.....	.....	2,287
Total number embarked for the labour districts	.....	.....	2,427	.....	.....	2,278
Balance in Goalundo depôt at the close of the year	.....	.....	None	.....	.....	9

2. As the 2,291 contractors' coolies, despatched from Calcutta, lost two by desertions on the journey to Goalundo, and gained one by a birth at that place, 2,290 were accommodated there during the year. But besides these, 101 sardars' coolies for Assam arrived at Goalundo in the course of the year, making a total of 2,391 emigrants, who are thus accounted for:—

Embarked ...	Contractors'	2,278
	Sardars'	101 } =2,379
Deserted at Goalundo (contractors')	... ...	1
Died	... ...	1
Released	... ...	1
Remaining in depôt at Goalundo at close of the year	...	9

Excluding the nine coolies who had not been forwarded before the year closed, the number of contractors' coolies prior to embarkation was decreased by five and increased by one (birth)—results that do not differ materially from those of the previous year.

Embarkation at Goalundo. Proportion of dependents decreased.

3. When compared with the corresponding figures of 1886, the comparatively slight reduction in the total number of emigrants of all classes, embarked under the supervision of the Embarkation Agent at Goalundo in 1887, is found to be due chiefly to the smaller number of dependents: for while the proportion of labouring men and women was somewhat increased, that of adult dependents, as also of infants and children, taken together, was decreased:—

From Goalundo.	Percentage embarked.			
	Of children.		Of infants.	
	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.
For Assam	18·41	11·05	5·79	4·07
„ Cachar	11·64	12·14	3·28	4·31
„ Sylhet	15·78	5·22	1·66	2·01
Total	14·62	11·30	3·91	4·11

(D).—Embarkation at Goalundo in steamers for Assam.

Class.	Labourers.			Dependents.						Grand total
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	
Calcutta contractors	379	272	651	1	5	35	36	30	107	758
Garden sardars	37	34	71		1	11	13	5	30	101
Total	416	306	322	1	6	46	49	35	137	859

The total percentage of deaths from all causes was satisfactorily less than that of the two preceding years; and excepting one trip, cholera was again absent throughout the year. The average length of passage was considerably reduced, having been seven days as against 12 days in 1886.

Mortality in certain steamers.

1. As shown in the subjoined statement, the only two deaths, one of which was due to cholera, occurred on board the *Sonai*:—

Number of trips.	Names of vessels.	Names of commanders.	Number conveyed.	Mortality on the passage.		
				Cholera.	Other causes.	Total percentage.
6	"Jorehat"	Mr. A. H. Walker	126	...	...	...
6	"Golaghat"	,, R. L. Gahan	135	...	...	...
5	"Sibsagar"	,, C. F. Faichney	144	...	...	...
5	"Dijoo"	Serang	93	...	...	...
4	"Kulsi"	Do.	70	...	...	...
4	"Lohit"	Do.	56	...	...	...
3	"Sonai"	Do.	83	1	1	2·40
1	"Kooki"	Do.	51	...	...	...
1	"Looshai"	Do.	42	...	...	...
1	"Garo"	Do.	61	...	...	...
Total 36			859	1	1	0·23

This comparatively small mortality occurred amongst the contractors' coolies, who lost one woman and one infant.

The following statement furnishes brief particulars of the 859 emigrants conveyed to Assam by licensed steamers in 1887:—

Serial number.	Name of vessels.	Names of Medical Officers.	Names of Commanders.	Date of departure.	Number of days on the passage.	Number of labourers under conveyance.			Mortality amongst labourers during the passage.								Total percentage of deaths from all causes.
									Contractors.				Garden sardars.				
									Cholera.		Other causes.		Cholera.		Other causes.		
						Contractors.	Garden sardars.	Total.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	
1	"Dejoo"	W. C. Ghose	Serang	2nd January 1887	6	29	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	"Jorehat"	K. C. Surbadhicary	A. H. Walker	9th ,, ,,	7	10	22	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	"Sonai"	K. P. Banerjee	Serang	13th ,, ,,	11	57	..	57	1	1·75	1	1·75	...	...	...	...	3·50
4	"Golaghat"	R. Sinclair	R. L. Gahan	16th ,, ,,	7		15	15	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	
5	"Kulsi"	W. C. Ghose	Serang	20th ,, ,,	7	40		40	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	"Sonai"	K. P. Banerjee	Do.	27th ,, ,,	5	18		18	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	"Jorehat"	K. C. Sarbadhicary	A. H. Walker	30th ,, ,,	8	10		10	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	"Golaghat"	R. Sinclair	R. L. Gahan	6th February ,,	7		16	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	"Sibsagar"	J. R. McCormick	C. F. Faichney	13th ,, ,,	7	24	13	37	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
10	"Kokee"	B. C. Bose	Serang	17th ,, ,,	8	51	...	51	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	"Jorehat"	H. C. Mahony	A. H. Walker	20th ,, ,,	7	21	6	27	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	"Lushai"	M. C. Roy	Serang	24th ,, ,,	7	42	...	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
13	"Golaghat"	R. Sinclair	W. H. Huey	27th ,, ,,	6	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...
14	"Sibsagar"	J. R. McCormick	C. F. Faichney	6th March ,,	8	38	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	"Jorehat"	H. C. Mahony	A. H. Walker	13th ,, ,,	8	22	.	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
16	"Golaghat"	R. Sinclair	W. H. Huey	20th ,, ,,	8	56	..	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	"Sibsagar"	J. R. McCormick	C. F. Faichney	27th ,, ,,	8	22	7	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	"Garo"	W. C. Ghose	Serang	7th April ,,	7	61	...	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	"Sonai"	K. M. Bose	Do.	24th ,, ,,	7	5	3	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	"Deejoo"	G. C. Roy	Do.	28th ,, ,,	7	9	..	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	"Golaghat"	R. Sinclair	W. H. Huey	1st May ,,	7	30	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	"Kulsi"	G. C. Roy	Serang	15th ,, ,,	6	14	..	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	"Lohit"	K. C. Banerjee	Do.	19th ,, ,,	8	19	..	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	"Sibsagar"	H. C. Mahony	C. F. Faichney	29th ,, ,,	7	13	.	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	"Golaghat"	R. Sinclair	W. H. Huey	12th June ,,	7	12	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	"Sibsagar"	J. R. McCormick	C. F. Faichney	19th ,, ,,	7	27		27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	"Jorehat"	A. Anderson	A. H. Walker	17th July ,,	10	10	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	"Kulsi"	W. C. Chatterjee	Serang	18th August ,,	8	13	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	"Kulsi"	W. C. Chatterjee	Do.	1st September ,,	8	3	..	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	"Dejo"	B. C. Bosu	Do.	30th October ,,	8	18	..	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	"Lohit"	S. B. Singh	Do.	3rd November ,,	8	9	...	9	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	"Lohit"	S. B. Singh	Do.	17th ,, ,,	9	13	..	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	"Dejoo"	B. C. Bosu	Do	11th December ,,	8	27	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
34	"Jorehat"	R. Sinclair	A. H. Walker	18th ,, ,,	10	25	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	"Dejo"	B. C. Bosu	Serang	25th ,, ,,	8	10	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	"Lohit"	N. C. Chatterjee	Do.	29th ,, ,,	8	...	15	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
						758	161	859	1	0·11	1	0·11	...	...	...	...	0·23

	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
Total number of trips	40	41	26	36
Do. without cholera	31	40	25	35
Do. souls conveyed	2,890	2,543	984	859
Percentage of total deaths	0 83	0·27	0 30	0·23

	Days.	Hrs.	Days.	Hrs.	Days.	Hrs.	Days.	Hrs.
Average length of passage	15	18	15	0	12	6	7	1
Ditto number conveyed on each trip	.	72	.	62	.	37		23½

	1887.			
	Cholera.		Other causes.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage
Men	.....	.. ...	... ..	.. ..
Women	1	0 32	.....	
Children	.....	.....	.. ...	.....
Infants	.. ..	.....	1	2 85

The average length of passage for each of the ten steamers licensed in the course of the year is given below :—

The India General Steam Navigation Company.

Steamers	Number of days.
"Jorehat"	8⅓
"Golaghat"	7
"Sibsagor"	7⅓

The Rivers Steam Navigation Company.

Steamers.	Number of days.
"Dijoo"	7⅓
"Kulsi"	7¼
"Loohit"	8
"Sonai"	7⅓
"Kookee"	8
"Looshai"	7
"Garo"	7

Accomodation and fittings on board licensed vessels.

2. The general accommodation, water-supply, and sanitary arrangements on board the above steamers, as evidenced by the remarks of inspecting officers on the way-bills of those vessels, seem to have proved satisfactory.

(*E*).—*Embarked at Goalundo for Cachar and Sylhet.*

Contractors.	Number embarked for Cachar.									
	Labourers.			Dependents.						Grand Total
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	
Calcutta	679	453	1,132	3	7	110	56	59	235	1,367
Total ...	679	453	1,132	3	7	110	56	59	235	1,367

Contractors.	Number embarked for Sylhet.									
	Labourers.			Dependents.						Grand Total.
	Male	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	
Calcutta ...	74	65	139	...	2	1	7	4	14	153
Total .	74	65	139	..	2	1	7	4	14	153

1. Of the 1,367 emigrants forwarded by contractors to Cachar, only 92 were embarked in vessels of the daily steam service, the rest, or 1,275, having been despatched in country boats. Two contractors, Mr. Mackertich and Baboo A. T. Mukerjee, forwarded their coolies by steamers for Cachar; and the following statement gives brief particulars regarding them :—

Contractors.	Embarked.		Remarks.
	Date.	Number of coolies.	
Mr. Mackertich	30th June 1887	10	All arrived safely at their respective destinations.
Ditto . ..	23rd July ,,	9	
Ditto	22nd November ,,	16	
Ditto . .	29th ditto ,,	17	
Baboo A T Mukerjee ...	22nd December ,,	40	
Total ...	.....	92	

The rest of the contractor's coolies for Cachar, including those for Sylhet, and aggregating 1,428 emigrants, were embarked in the course of the year in 99 country boats that made an average passage of 17 days. Out of the 1,428 thus forwarded, 46 did not arrive, and are accounted for in the following statement of casualties on the journey in boats during the last two years:—

Casualties.		1886.		1887.	
		Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage
Desertions ...	...	13	0 82	31	2 03
Deaths ... Cholera	...	14	0 88	14	0·92
Deaths ... Other causes	...	4	0·25	1	·06
Total	...	31	1 96	46	3 02

2. It will be observed that while the mortality from all causes was less than in 1886, the number of desertions was much larger. This result has been ascribed in some measure to emigrants in boats having to stop at Naraingunge, where it is said they are enticed away, or at any rate have strong inducements to abscond, in the hope of bettering themselves by obtaining ready employment nearer home in the jute mills at that place. The conveyance of coolies in steamers, however, would not only obviate this alleged cause of desertion, but would also tend to reduce the death-rate; and it is to be hoped that before long, when the necessary arrangements have been completed, both employers and suppliers of labour will, notwithstanding the additional cost, abandon the use of boats and employ steamers. At present, during the hot season, for the want of sufficient water in the streams higher up, the vessels of the daily steam service carry their coolie passengers only as far as Fenchugunge; whence, after landing, they are conveyed in boats for the rest of the journey. It would obviously be an improvement, if practicable, to carry the coolies for the remainder of the journey beyond Fenchugunge in a suitable and properly fitted steam-launch of small draught; and I believe that the India General Steam Navigation Company intend to make some arrangement of the kind, which, however, they may not be in a position to complete for another year.

(*F*).—*General summary.*

1.—Contractors' coolies.

Class.		Number registered.	Balance of previous year.	Detentions in mofussil of previous year	Number born on the journey to Calcutta.	Number born in Calcutta depôt	Number born in Goalundo depôt	Number born on the passage to destination.	Total	Total deductions on account of all classes	Percentage.	Routes by which forwarded.	Total number landed at destination.		Balance in depôt at the close of the year.
Originally transmitted through the Calcutta depôts	Contractors	2,924	138		1	1	1	2	3,067	740	24 12	Goalundo	756 1,327 149	Assam Cachar. Sylhet.	
Total of 1887		2,924	138	..	1	1	1	2	3,067	740	24 12	...	2,232	. .	95
„ of 1886		2,945	232	...	..	2	.		3,179	634	19 94	...	2 410	.....	138

From the above summary of the general results of emigration, conducted by licensed contractors during the years 1886 and 1887, it appears that while the aggregate number of emigrants accommodated in their Calcutta depôts during the year 1887 was 112 less than in 1886, the proportion of total deductions—due chiefly to desertions—being larger in 1887, the number that arrived at destination in the course of that year was 178 less than in 1886; and this, notwithstanding the fact that a smaller balance remained in depôt at the close of the year under review.

2.—Garden-sardars' coolies.

Statement of Sadari Emigrants registered in Bengal for Cachar and Sylhet in the year 1887.

Name of Labour Districts.	Number registered in recruiting districts.	Aggregate of number entered in each way bill.	Number accounted for in way-bills received.												Number arrived in labour districts.	Number unaccounted for owing to non-receipt of way-bills.
			Number of casualties on the journey.													
			Died.						Deserted.		Left behind.		Total casualties			
			Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.									
			Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		
Cachar	1,775	1,340	63	4·70	5	0·37	68	5·07	5	0·37	42	3·13	115	8·58	1,225	550
Sylhet	1,027	940	29	3·08	9	0·95	38	4·04	5	0·53	6	0·63	49	5·21	891	136
Total ...	2,802	2,280	92	4·03	14	0·61	106	4·64	10	0·43	48	2·10	164	7·19	2,116	686

Batch way-bills.

The above and subjoined statements show that of 2,802 sadari emigrants for Sylhet and Cachar, whose contracts were registered in the recruiting districts, 2,280 have been accounted for by the receipt of 298 batch way-bills; but of the rest, or 522 sardari emigrants, no information is available in this office in consequence of the non-receipt as yet of those documents. These results, I regret to notice, fall disappointingly short of my expectations, and are not so satisfactory as those of the previous year, though the efforts made during that year to effect improvement were maintained in the year under report. From the comparatively incomplete information available regarding the casualties among sardari coolies on their journey to Cachar and Sylhet, it would appear that the percentage of total casualties in 1887 exceeds that of 1886, being 7·19 as against 6·77; and that this excess was exclusively due to the larger number "left behind," as the proportion of all other casualties was less than in 1886.

The following statement shows the stage of the journey in which the mortality occurred among coolies proceeding to Cachar and Sylhet.

Contractors' coolies.

Forwarded to Cachar.

Between Goalundo and Naraingunge.			Between Goalundo and Kurimgunge.			Between Goalundo and Katigorah.			Between Katigorah and Silchar.			Grand Total.		
Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.
1	..	1	1	..	1	1	... .	1	8	.....	8	11	...	1

Forwarded to Sylhet.

Of fifteen batch way-bills, only one was returned, showing an absence of mortality on the journey in respect of the 21 coolies forwarded. There were, however, four deaths among the remaining 132 coolies under conveyance, but no information is available as to where they occurred, the way-bills not having been returned.

Sardari coolies.

Forwarded to Cachar.

Between Goalundo and Kurimgunge.			Between Goalundo and Silchar.			At Naraingunge.			Between Naraingunge and Kurimgunge.			Between Naraingunge and Katigorah.			Between Naraingunge and Silchar.			At Kurimgunge.			Between Kurimgunge and Silchar.			At Katigorah.			Between Katigorah and Silchar.			At Silchar.			Grand Total.		
Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.
5	..	5	1	1	2	4	1	5	20	1	21	3		2	13	...	13	2	...	2	...	1	1	7		7	9			..	1		6		68

Forwarded to Sylhet.

Goalundo.			Between Goalundo and Habigunge.			Between Goalundo and Sylhet.			Narain-gunge.			Between Narain-gunge and Habigunge.			Between Narain-gunge and Sylhet.			Habigunge.			Mirpur.			Grand Total.		
Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.	Cholera.	Other causes.	Total.
1	...	1	8	...	8	7	...	7	3		3	..	1	1	5	...	5	5	7	12	...	1	1	29	9	38

Looking to the above incomplete information furnished by the way-bills, it is impossible to arrive at any precise conclusion as to the portions of the journey in which coolies suffer most from cholera; but there is sufficient to show that the heavier mortality occurs between Naraingunge and Sylhet or Silchar according to destination; and the heaviest towards the latter end of the journey. It is to be regretted that the way-bills are not carefully filled in at each of the inspecting stations—Naraingunge, Kurimgunge, Katigorah, and Silchar—in respect of Cachar coolies, and at Naraingunge, Habigunge, Moulvie Bazar, and Sylhet, in respect of Sylhet coolies.

Statement of Way-bills of Registered Emigrants who proceeded to Labour Districts viâ Goalundo and Dhubri during the year 1887.

Labour Districts.	Proceeded *viâ* Goalundo.											
	Way-bills.						Registered emigrants.					
	Total number covering forwarded emigrants.		Number returned from labour districts.		Number not returned from labour districts.		Total number forwarded to labour districts.		Number covered by returned way-bills.		Number whose way-bills were not returned.	
	Contractor.	Sardari.	Contractor.	Sardari.	Contractor.	Sardari.	Contractor.	Sardari.	Contractor.	Sardari.	Contractor.	Sardari.
Assam	54	16	3	...	51	16	758	101	49	.....	709	101
Cachar	103	224	46	189	57	35	1,367	1,775	302	1,340	1,065	435
Sylhet	15	149	1	109	14	40	153	1,027	21	940	132	87
Total .	172	389	50	298	122	91	2,278	2,903	372	2,280	1,906	623
	Proceeded *viâ* Dhubri.											
Dhubri	..	693	... ..	30	.....	663	.....	3,868	.....	242	... .	3,026

The fact that so small a number of way-bills is received from the labour district officers, who can forward only what they themselves receive, raises the question as to whether the employers, especially in Assam, comply with the instructions to forward the way-bills, after entry of casualties, to the Magistrate of the district for ultimate transmission to this office.

I much regret that no illustrative maps accompany my present report; and would explain that, in consequence of ill-health and a hurried departure from India on sick leave, I have not been able to comply with the requisition as conveyed in orders No. 461, dated the 13th March last.

SECTION IV.

DHUBRI.

Labour districts for which registered and route selected.	Total of all Districts.			Bengal.									Behar.					Grand total
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Hazaribagh.	Manbhoom.	Santhal Pergunnahs.	Bankoora.	Lohardugga.	Midnapore.	Burdwan.	Singbhoom.	Total.	Monghyr.	Gya.	Patna.	Shahabad.	Total.	
Assam *viâ* Dhubri	2,352	1,516	3,868	1,550	993	537	154	124	92	41	5	3,486	297	40	32	13	382	3,868

The above particulars, relating to emigrants recruited through garden sarders for transmission to Assam *vid* Dhubri, have been gathered from statements furnished to this office by Magistrates of districts where the registration of such emigrants was effected. As compared with the corresponding figures of the previous year, a further reduction in the number is noticeable; the total for 1888 being 4,751, as against 3,868 in 1887.

As in previous years, the chief sources of supply in Bengal were the districts of Hazaribagh, Manbhoom and the Sonthal Pergunnahs; and in Behar, the districts of Monghyr and Gya.

SECTION V.

DEPARTMENTAL.

1.—*Calcutta.*

Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

Dr. Chundra held the appointment of Medical Inspector of Emigrants throughout the year.

2. Mr. E. R. Forbes, the Personal Assistant, who had continued to discharge his duties with assiduous efficiency, was permitted by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to avail himself of three months' privilege leave and well-deserved rest from the 27th of December 1887, no such leave having been taken since 10th April 1880.

The Personal Assistant.

3. The Head Clerk, Baboo Nobin Krishna Sen, and Assistants generally, worked satisfactorily; and excepting one of the copyists, the nominal roll of the office establishment was unaltered. The Accountant, however, Baboo Krishna Chunder Mullick, compelled by serious ill-health, applied for and obtained sick leave for nine months from the 19th of May 1887.

The Office.

Correspondence in connection with inland emigration was increased during the year by 1,310 communications, thus—

Of letters, &c., received	...	...	...	3,983
Ditto, &c, issued	...	...	...	2,318
		Total	...	6,301

2.—*Goalundo.*

Superintendent of Emigration and Medical Inspector, Goalundo.

Dr. V. Richards, who resumed charge of the duties of Superintendent of Emigration, Embarkation Agent and Medical Inspector of Emigrants at Goalundo on the 1st January 1887, continued in charge throughout the year under review.

Goalundo Office.

The Goalundo office establishment, as revised in March 1886, remained unchanged; and Dr. Richards reports that its members continued to give satisfaction.

SECTION VI.

APPENDIX.

IA.—Return of number of emigrants despatched *vid* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam.

B.—Return of number of emigrants despatched *vid* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Cachar and Sylhet.

IIA.—Return of despatches of emigrants by steamers to Assam.

B.—Return of despatches of emigrants by country boats to Cachar and Sylhet.

III.—Return of method of recruitment of emigrants despatched *vid* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet.

IV.—Return of mortality among emigrants despatched *vid* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet

VA.—Return of results of medical examination of emigrants in the depôts at Calcutta

B.—Return of results of medical examination of emigrants in the depôts at Goalundo.

VIA.—Return of depôt and other hospitals at Calcutta.

B.—Return of depôt and other hospitals at Goalundo.

VII.—Return of emigrants despatched to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet by contractors.

VIII.—Return of classification according to native districts of emigrants registered to proceed to Assam, Cachar and Sylhet *vid* Calcutta.

IX.—Return of mortality among non-emigrant passengers and crew on Assam steamers.

STATEMENT IA.

Return of Emigrants despatched to Assam by the Goalundo and Kooshteah route during the year 1887.

1	2				3												4		5										6		7										8		9
	NUMBER DESPATCHED.				JOURNEY TO THE PLACE OF EMBARKATION.														STAY AT THE PLACE OF EMBARKATION.												VOYAGE TO DESTINATION.												
					Addition.		Casualties.										Number arrived at the place of embarkation.		Addition.	Casualties.									Number embarked on board the steamer.		Addition.	Casualties.									Number landed at the destination.		REMARKS.
							A				B.		C.		D.					A.				B.		C.		D.				A.				B.		C.		D.			
MONTH.	From Calcutta.		From recruiting districts.				From cholera.		From other diseases.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.					From cholera.		From other diseases.		Deserted.		Discharged under sections 43 and 47.		Total										Total.					
	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	
January 1887.	103	165	29	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	133	202	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	143	201	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	2	141	199	
February "	238	137	43	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	281	176	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	281	177	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	281	177	
March "	59	139	16	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	146	19	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	59	145	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	145	
April "	95	104	7	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102	107	34	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	138	78	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	135	78	
May "	174	46	...	...													174	46	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	115	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	115	76	
June "	28	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	39	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87	39	
July "	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
August "	19	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	13	
September "	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	3	
October "	41	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	18	
November "	37	22	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	22	
December "	34	62	32	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	77	
Total ...	838	758	137	101	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	975	859	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	964	859	...	...	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	2	961	857	

GOALUNDO,

The 13th February 1888.

V RICHARDS,

Embarkation Agent.

Statement IB

Return of Emigrants despatched to Cachar and Sylhet by the Goalundo and Kooshteah route during the year 1887.

1	2				3												4		5														6		7												8	
Months.	Number despatched.				Journey to the place of embarkation.												Number arrived at the place of embarkation.		Stay at the place of embarkation.														Number embarked on the country boat.		Voyage to destination.												Number landed at the destination.	
	From Calcutta.		From recruiting district.		Addition.		Casualties.												Addition.		Casualties.																Casualties.											
							A.				B.		C.		D.						A.				B.		C.		D.								A.				B.		C.		D.			
							From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Left behind.		Total.						From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Discharged under sections 43 and 47.		Total.								From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.			
	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.
January 1887 ...	134	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	134	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122	76	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	5	132	71
February ,, ...	144	157	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	144	156	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	116	156	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	3	116	158
March ,, ...	189	213	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	189	213	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	229	211	...	...	7	2	...	...	12	...	...	7	19	222	192
April ,, ...	120	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	48	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	5	...	115	48
May ,, ...	155	197	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	155	197	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	153	196	...	Inft 2	2	1	1	...	1	...	...	4	1	149	197
June ,, ...	97	165	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	97	165	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	97	122	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	3	...	3	3	94	119
July ,, ...	186	137	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	186	137	...	43	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	114	158	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	114	156
August ,, ...	159	95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	159	95	72	21	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	229	95	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	228	95
September ,, ...	110	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	108	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93	129	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	2	1	93	128
October ,, ...	113	107	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	113	107	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	128	107	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	1	4	127	103
November ,, ...	77	146	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	146	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	137	...	...	1	4	...	1	2	3	...	3	8	74	129
December ,, ...	100	83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	83	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	83	2	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	5	...	97	83
Total ...	1,584	1,533	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	1,584	1,531	140	95	...	1	...	...	4	1	...	1	34	3	...	...	1,580	1,520	3	2	14	14	4	1	13	31	...	...	31	46	1,552	1,476

Goalundo,

The 13th February 1888.

V. Richards,

Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT IIA.

Return showing number of Emigrants despatched from Goalundo by Steamer to Assam during the year 1887.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9
Month.	Name of steamer conveying emigrants.	Number of way-bill.	Date of departure from place of embarkation.	Number of emigrants embarked.	Date of arrival at Dhubri.	NUMBER OF DEATHS ON THE VOYAGE TO DESTINATION. Between place of embarkation and Dhubri.	Between Dhubri and Dibrugarh.	Date of arrival at destination.	REMARKS.
January 1887	"Dejoo"	1	1st January 1887	29	4th January 1887	.....	.....	7th January 1887	
,, ,,	"Jorehat"	2	9th ,, ,,	32	10th ,, ,,	.....	.....	14th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Sonaie"	3	13th ,, ,,	57	15th ,, ,,	1	1	24th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Golaghat"	4	16th ,, ,,	15	18th ,, ,,	.....	.....	22nd February ,,	
,, ,,	"Kulsi"	5	20th ,, ,,	40	22nd ,, ,,	.....	.....	27th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Sonaie"	6	27th ,, ,,	18	28th ,, ,,	.....	.....	3rd ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Jorehat"	7	30th ,, ,,	10	1st February ,,	.....	.....	7th ,, ,,	
February ,,	"Golaghat"	8	6th February ,,	16	8th ,, ,,	.....	.....	13th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Sibsagar"	9	13th ,, ,,	37	15th ,, ,,	.....	.....	20th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Kokee"	10	17th ,, ,,	51	19th ,, ,,	.....	.....	25th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Jorehat"	11	20th ,, ,,	27	22nd ,, ,,	.....	.....	27th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Luchai"	12	24th ,, ,,	42	25th ,, ,,	.....	.....	3rd March ,,	
,, ,,	"Golaghat"	13	27th ,, ,,	4	1st March ,,	.....	.....	4th ,, ,,	
March ,,	"Sibsagar"	14	6th March ,,	38	8th ,, ,,	.....	.....	13th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Jorehat"	15	13th ,, ,,	22	15th ,, ,,	.....	.....	20th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Golaghat"	16	20th ,, ,,	56	22nd ,, ,,	.....	.....	27th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Sibsagar"	17	27th ,, ,,	29	29th ,, ,,	.....	.....	3rd April ,,	
April ,,	"Gorne"	18	7th April ,,	61	9th April ,,	.....	.....	13th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Sonaie"	19	24th ,, ,,	8	26th ,, ,,	.....	.....	30th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Dejoo"	20	28th ,, ,,	9	30th ,, ,,	.....	.....	4th May ,,	
May ,,	"Golaghat"	21	1st May ,,	30	3rd May ,,	.....	.....	7th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Kulsi"	22	15th ,, ,,	14	17th ,, ,,	.....	.....	21st ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Lohit"	23	19th ,, ,,	19	21st ,, ,,	.....	.....	26th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Sibsagar"	24	29th ,, ,,	13	31st ,, ,,	.....	.....	4th June ,,	
June ,,	"Golaghat"	25	12th June ,,	12	14th June ,,	.....	.....	18th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Sibsagar"	26	19th ,, ,,	27	21st ,, ,,	.....	.....	25th ,, ,,	
July ,,	"Jorehat"	27	16th July ,,	10	19th July ,,	.....	.....	25th July ,,	
,, ,,	"Kulsi"	28	18th August ,,	13	20th ,, ,,	.....	.....	25th ,, ,,	
September ,,	"Kulsi"	29	1st September ,,	3	3rd September ,,	.....	.....	8th September ,,	
October ,,	"Dejoo"	30	30th October ,,	18	1st November ,,	.....	.....	6th November ,,	
,, ,,	"Lohit"	31	3rd November ,,	9	5th ,, ,,	.....	.....	10th ,, ,,	
November ,,	"Lohit"	32	17th ,, ,,	13	19th ,, ,,	.....	.....	25th ,, ,,	
December ,,	"Dejoo"	33	11th December ,,	22	13th December ,,	.....	.....	18th December ,,	
,, ,,	"Jorehat"	34	18th ,, ,,	25	20th ,, ,,	.....	.....	27th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Dejoo"	35	25th ,, ,,	10	26th ,, ,,	.....	.....	1st January 1888	
,, ,,	"Lohit"	36	29th ,, ,,	15	31st ,, ,,	.....	.....	5th ,, ,,	
Total ...	.....	...	.....	859	.....	1	1	.....	

GOALUNDO,
The 13*th February* 1888.

V. RICHARDS,
Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT IIB.

Return showing number of Emigrants despatched from Goalundo and Koosteah by country boats to Cachar and Sylhet during the year 1887.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	
MONTH.	Number of boats conveying a despatch.	Number of way-bills.	Name of labour district to which emigrants were conveyed.	Date of departure from place of embarkation.	Number of emigrants embarked.	NUMBER OF DEATHS ON THE PASSAGE TO LABOUR DISTRICT. Cachar.	Sylhet.	DATE OF ARRIVAL AT LABOUR DISTRICT. Cachar.	Sylhet.
January 1887	1	1	Cachar ...	6th January 1887	15	.....	.....	23rd January 1887	.....
,, ,,	2	2	Do. ...	13th ,, ,,	29	1	.....	4th February ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	3	Do. ...	21st ,, ,,	11	.....	.....	5th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	4	Do. ...	30th ,, ,,	11	.....	.....	23rd ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	5	Do. ...	31st ,, ,,	10	.....	.....	19th ,, ,,	.....
February ,,	1	6	Do. ...	2nd February ,,	15	.....	.....	25th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	7	Do. ...	7th ,, ,,	34	.....	.....	7th March ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	8	Do. ...	12th ,, ,,	18	.....	.....	7th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	9	Do. ...	14th ,, ,,	39	.....	.....	9th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	10	Do. ...	26th ,, ,,	23	.....	.....	20th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	11	Do. ...	28th ,, ,,	28	1	.....	26th ,, ,,	.....
March ,,	2	12	Do. ...	6th March ,,	33	.....	.....	5th April ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	13	Do. ...	12th ,, ,,	27	.....	.....	4th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	14	Do. ...	12th ,, ,,	14	.....	.....	5th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	15	Do. ...	12th ,, ,,	20	.....	.....	4th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	16	Do. ...	21st ,, ,,	6	.....	.....	11th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	17	Do. ...	21st ,, ,,	48	1	.....	11th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	18	Do. ...	31st ,, ,,	24	.....	.....	24th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	3	19	Do. ...	31st ,, ,,	39	1	.....	26th ,, ,,	.....
April ,,	1	20	Do. ...	6th April ,,	13	.....	.....	28th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	21	Do. ...	13th ,, ,,	13	.....	.....	7th May ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	22	Do. ...	20th ,, ,,	23	.....	.....	20th ,, ,,	.....
May ,,	1	23	Do. ...	6th May ,,	15	.....	.....	28th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	24	Do. ...	8th ,, ,,	24	.....	.....	3rd June ,,	.....

STATEMENT IIB—*concluded.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	
MONTH.	Number of boats conveying a despatch.	Number of way-bills.	Name of labour district to which emigrants were conveyed.	Date of departure from place of embarkation.	Number of emigrants embarked.	NUMBER OF DEATHS ON THE PASSAGE TO LABOUR DISTRICT.		DATE OF ARRIVAL AT LABOUR DISTRICT.	
						Cachar.	Sylhet.	Cachar.	Sylhet.
May 1887	2	25	Cachar ...	13th May 1887	39	.....	.....	9th May 1887	.....
,, ,,	1	26	Do. ...	22nd ,, ,,	13	.....	.....	16th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	27	Do. ...	19th ,, ,,	14	.....	.....	12th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	28	Do. ...	19th ,, ,,	14	1	.....	17th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	29	Do. ...	19th ,, ,,	17	.....	.....	19th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	30	Sylhet ...	23rd ,, ,,	13	.....	.....	.....	10th June 1887.
,, ,,	1	31	Cachar ...	29th ,, ,,	19	.....	.....	13th June 1887	.....
,, ,,	1	32	Sylhet ...	19th ,, ,,	10	.....	.....	.....	8th June 1887.
,, ,,	1	33	Cachar ...	30th ,, ,,	14	.....	.....	25th June 1887	.....
,, ,,	1	34	Sylhet ...	30th ,, ,,	6	.....	.....	.....	13th June 1887.
June ,,	1	35	Do. ...	10th June ,,	12	.....	.....	.....	25th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	36	Cachar ...	13th ,, ,,	33	.....	.....	7th July 1887	.....
,, ,,	1	37	Do. ...	20th ,, ,,	20	.....	.....	11th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	38	Do. ...	20th ,, ,,	24	.....	.....	10th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	39	Do. ...	20th ,, ,,	11	.....	.....	11th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	40	Do. ...	28th ,, ,,	12	.....	.....	18th ,, ,,	.....
	Steamer.								
,, ,,	1	41	Do. ...	30th ,, ,,	10	.....	.....	5th ,, ,,	.....
July ,,	2	42	Do. ...	1st July ,,	41	.....	.....	24th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	43	Sylhet ...	2nd ,, ,,	1	.....	.....	.....	20th July 1887
,, ,,	1	44	Do. ...	2nd ,, ,,	14	.....	.....	.....	.....
,, ,,	1	45	Cachar ...	12th ,, ,,	19	1	.....	5th August 1887	.....
,, ,,	2	46	Do. ...	16th ,, ,,	40	.....	.....	15th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	47	Do. ...	16th ,, ,,	9	.....	.....	8th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	48	Do. ...	31st ,, ,,	34	.....	.....	24th ,, ,,	.....
August ,,	1	49	Sylhet ...	3rd August ,,	21	.....	.....	.....	16th August 1887
,, ,,	1	50	Cachar ...	11th ,, ,,	15	.....	.....	30th August 1887	.....
,, ,,	1	51	Do. ...	17th ,, ,,	13		.....	7th Sept. ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	52	Do. ...	22nd ,, ,,	17		.....	16th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	53	Do. ...	24th ,, ,,	17	.....	.....	17th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	54	Sylhet ...	24th ,, ,,	12	.....	.....	.....	10th Sept. 1887
September ,,	1	55	Cachar	2nd September ,,	21	.....	.....	23rd Sept. 1887	.....
,, ,,	1	56	Do. ...	9th ,, ,,	19	.....	.....	30th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	57	Sylhet ...	12th ,, ,,	9	.....	1	.....	28th Sept. 1887
,, ,,	2	58	Cachar ...	16th ,, ,,	20	.....	.....	5th October 1887	.....
,, ,,	1	59	Do. ...	19th ,, ,,	10	.....	.....	18th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	60	Sylhet ...	19th ,, ,,	6	.....	.....	.....	3rd October 1887
,, ,,	1	61	Cachar ...	19th ,, ,,	14	.....	.....	11th October 1887	.....
,, ,,	1	62	Do. ...	22nd ,, ,,	16	.....	.....	9th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	63	Sylhet ...	22nd ,, ,,	5	.....	.....	.....	4th October 1887
October ,,	1	64	Cachar ...	14th October ,,	17	.....	.....	4th November 1887	.....
,, ,,	1	65	Sylhet ...	16th ,, ,,	14	.....	.....	.....	30th November 1887
,, ,,	2	66	Cachar ...	15th ,, ,,	24	.....	.....	8th November 1887	.....
,, ,,	1	67	Do. ...	21st ,, ,,	9		.....	13th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	68	Do. ...	23rd ,, ,,	17	1	.....	13th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	69	Sylhet ...	23rd ,, ,,	9	.....	.....	.....	9th November 1887
,, ,,	1	70	Cachar ...	30th ,, ,,	17	.....	.....	26th November 1887	.....
November ,,	2	71	Do. ...	4th November ,,	25	.....	.....	30th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	72	Do. ...	15th ,, ,,	32	2	.....	8th December ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	73	Sylhet ...	15th ,, ,,	12	.....	3	.....	3rd December 1887
,, ,,	1	74	Cachar ...	17th ,, ,,	12	.....	.....	13th December 1887	.....
	Steamer.								
,, ,,	1	75	Do. ...	22nd ,, ,,	16	.....	.....	3rd ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	76	Do. ...	29th ,, ,,	17	.....	.....	21st ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	77	Do. ...	29th ,, ,,	23	.....	.....	18th ,, ,,	.....
December 1887.		78	Sylhet ...	2nd December 1887	9	.....	.....	.....	17th December 1887
,, ,,	1	79	Cachar ...	19th ,, ,,	10	.....	.....	6th January 1888	
,, ,,	1	80	Do. ...	18th ,, ,,	24	.....	.....	13th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	2	81	Do. ...	23rd ,, ,,	40	.....	.....	4th ,, ,,	
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GOALUNDO,
The 13th February 1888.

V. RICHARDS,
Supdt. of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

Statement No. III.

Return showing how Emigrants despatched from Goalundo were recruited.

1	2		3		4		5		6		7		8
Months.	Registered in their districts on behalf of contractors at Calcutta.		Registered and contracted in their districts through gardon sardars.		Registered in their districts on behalf of contractors and contracted at place of embarkation.		Arrived as free emigrants, but were registered on behalf of contractors and contracted at place of embarkation.		Proceeded as free emigrants independently of Emigrantion Act.		Total.		
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Lobourers.	Dependents.	Remarks.
January 1887	203	39	21	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
February ,, ...	257	37	31	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
March ,, ...	289	63	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
April ,, ...	132	20	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
May ,, ...	205	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
June ,, ...	167	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
July ,, ...	122	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
August ,, ...	93	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
September ,, ...	91	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
October ,, ...	116	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
November ,, ...	140	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
December ,, ...	121	24	10	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	1,936	355	71	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

Goalundo,
The 13th February 1888.

V. Richards,
Supdt. of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT

Return of Mortality among the classes of Emigrants despatched from

| YEAR. | 1 | | |

No. IV.

Goalundo and Kooshteah to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet during the year 1887.

| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

STATEMENT VA.

Return showing result of examination of Emigrants at Calcutta Depôt during the year 1887.

1	2						3							4											
	Number medically examined on arrival.						Number passed as fit to travel.							NUMBER REJECTED											
														For return to their homes.						For detention and treatment in depôt or hospital.					
NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	1886.			1887.			1886.				1887.			1886.			1887.			1886.			1887.		
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.
Mr O. B. Andrews ..	620	129	749	476	57	533	619	129	748	99·86	476	57	532	99·81	1	...	1	0·13	2	...	2	0·37	...	2	2	0·26
Baboo J. N. Dutt ...	435	96	531	385	64	449	431	96	527	99·24	385	64	449	100	4	...	4	0·75	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	0·56
Mr. M. Mackertich .	371	96	469	329	97	426	370	97	467	99·14	327	97	424	99·53	1	1	2	0·42	2	...	2	0·46	44	3	47	8·85
Baboo A. Y. Mukerjee	769	114	883	1,081	186	1,267	762	113	875	99·09	1,078	186	1,264	99·76	7	1	8	0·90	3	...	3	0·23	13	5	18	2·18
Total ...	2,195	437	2,632	2,471	404	2,875	2,182	435	2,617	99·43	2,465	404	2,769	96·31	13	2	15	0·57	7	...	7	0·25	84	11	95	3·63

1	4						5																		
	NUMBER REJECTED.																								
	For detention and treatment in depôt or hospital.																								
NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	1887.																								
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.																					
Mr O. B. Andrews ..	...	2	2	0·37																					
Baboo J. N. Dutt ...	1	..	1	0·18																					
Mr. M. Mackertich .	17	4	21	4·47																					
Baboo A. Y. Mukerjee	27	3	30	2·37																					
Total ...	45	9	54	3·63																					

CALCUTTA,
The 21st April 1888.

J GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

STATEMENT VB.

Return showing the result of examination of Emigrants at Goalundo during the year 1887.

1	2		3		4				5
	Number medically examined on arrival.		Number passed as fit to travel.		NUMBER REJECTED.				
					For return to their district.		For detention and treatment in depôt or hospital.		
YEAR.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	REMARKS.
1886	2,038	621	2,041	623	...	...	.....	.....	
1887	2,005	365	1,993	386	1	.....	.....	.....	

GOALUNDO,
The 13th February 1888.

V. RICHARDS,
Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT VIA.

Return of Depôt and other Hospitals at Calcutta during the year 1887.

1	2		3		4		5								6		7				8		9		10
	Number in hospital at the close of previous year.		Number admitted during the year under report.		Total number under treatment.		FOR WHAT DISEASES.								Number cured and discharged.		NUMBER DIED.				Number transferred to any authorized hospital.		Number returned to their homes from hospital.		
NAMES OF DEPOT OR OTHER HOSPITAL.							Diarrhœa and dysentery.		Cholera.		Fever.		Measles.		Other diseases.		From cholera.		From other causes.						REMARKS.
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	
Mr. O. B. Andrews ..			1		1		1								1								2		
Baboo J. N. Dutt ...			17	4	17	4	5	1	4	...	3	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mr M Mackertich			14	3	14	3	7	2	...	...	7	1	...	...	8	3	16	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	
Baboo A. T. Mukerjee			27	3	27	3	10	1	...	...	7	3	2	4	4	...	13	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	
Total ...	...	...	59	10	59	10	23	4	...	...	17	4	2	4	12	3	55	00	...	...	2	...	4	...	
Campbell Hospital .	...	...	2	4	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	3	...	

CALCUTTA,
The 21st April 1888.

J GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

STATEMENT VIB.

Return of Depôt and other Hospitals.

1	2		3		4		5										6		7				8				9		10
NAME OF DEPÔT OR OTHER HOSPITALS.	Number in the hospital at the close of previous year.		Number admitted during the year under report.		Total number under treatment.		FOR WHAT DISEASES										Number cured and discharged.		NUMBER DIED.				NUMBER TRANSFERRED TO				Number returned to their districts from hospital.		REMARKS.
							Diarrhœa.		Cholera.		Fever.		Small-pox.		Other diseases.				From cholera.		From other diseases.		Government hospital.		Other authorized hospital.				
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	
	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	..		1	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	One died only. No hospital since seven months.

GOALUNDO,
The 13th February 1888.

V. RICHARDS,
Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT VII.

Statement showing the number of Emigrants recruited by Contractors' embarked at Goalundo under Act I (B.C.) of 1882 *for the districts of Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet during the year* 1887.

ASSAM.

MONTHS.	NUMBER OF LABOURERS EMBARKED.											PARTICULARS OF PASSAGE.					
	LABOURERS.			DEPENDENTS.								MORTALITY.					
												Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	Percentage of females to males.	Mode of transit.	Number	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
January ...	83	49	132	1	2	13	9	6	164	59·03	By steamer.	1	0·60	1	0·60	2	1·21
February ..	80	41	130	.....	1	2	2	3	138	46·00		... ..	..	. ...		.....	...
March ...	92	51	113	.. .	2	13	6	4	138	92 25		.....	.. ..	.....	.		.. ..
April ...	45	24	69	... ..	...	1	2	3	75	53·3		.. ..	.....	.....	.	. ..	..
May ...	29	29	58	. ..	.....	2	6	8	76	100·		.. ..	.	.....	... ..	...	...
June	19	17	36	..	... ..	. .	3		39	89·47		.....	.....	.... .	... ..	. ..	
July ...	3	7	10	.....	.....	..	....	. ...	10	233 33		.... .	.. .	... ..	.....	.. ...	
August ...	5	6	11	... ..	... .	1	1	.....	13	120		.....	... ..	...	....	..	
September ...	1	....	1	. .	....	1	...	1	3	. ....		.....	.....	... ..			..
October	4	13	17	.	....	... .	1	.....	18	325		.....	.....	....	...		..
November	12	10	22	.... .	.....				22	83·33		.. ..	..	..	.. ..		
December ..	27	25	52	... ..	.	3	4	3	63	92 59		.....	.	.	... ..	.	
Total ...	370	272	651	1.	5	35	36	20	758	·71·76		1	0·13	1	0·13	2	0·26

CACHAR.

January .	39	30	69	.....		3	3	1	76	76 92	By country boats.	4	1	1·81		1	1·81
February ..	80	47	127	...	.	15	8	6	156	·59 75		2	1	0·64		1	0 64
March .	104	69	173	.	. 1	13	10	15	211	66·34		17	2	0 94		2	0 94
April .	20	24	44	.....		1	2	1	48	120		.. ..	.....			...	
May	87	55	142		1	13	3	10	169	63·21		.....	1	0 59	..	1	0·59
June ...	48	39	87	....	1	13	3	6	110	81·25		3				.....	
July	74	38	112	2	1	17	8	5	143	51·35		1	1	0 69	..	1	0 69
August ...	35	17	52	...	..	6	3	1	63	48 57		.. .	.....		..	..	
September ...	50	40	90	...	1	8	6	4	109	80			.....		.	... ..	
October	46	31	77	1	.....	4	..	2	84	67 39		1	3	3·57		3	3 57
November	67	32	99	..	2	13	5	6	125	47 76		3	2	1 6	.....	2	1·6
December ...	29	31	60		.	5	5	4	74	106 89			...	.	... .	....	
Total ...	679	453	1,132	3	7	110	56	59	1,367	66·71		31	11	0·80	.....	11	0 8

Ten of this number were conveyed by steamer.
Nine of ditto ditto.
Thirty-three of ditto ditto.
Forty of ditto ditto.

STATEMENT VII—*concluded.*

SYLHET.

Months	Number of Labourers Embarked.										Mode of transit.	Deserted.	Particulars of Passage.					
	Labourers.			Dependents.						Percentage of females to males.			Mortality.					
													Cholera.		Other causes.		Total	
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.				Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage
January																		
February																		
March																		
April																		
May	14	11	25				2	2	29	78 57								
June	7	5	12						12	71 42								
July	6	8	14				1		15	133 3								
August	13	15	28		1	1	2	1	33	115 38								
September	11	8	19					1	20	72 73			1	5			1	5
October	12	10	22				1		23	83 3								
November	7	3	10		1		1		12	42 85			2	16 66	1	8 33	3	25
December	4	5	9						9	125								
Total	74	65	139		2	1	7	4	153	87 83	By country boats.	None.	3	1,96	1	0 65	4	2'61

ABSTRACT.

Districts.	Number of Emigrants Embarked.										Mode of transit.	Deserted.	Particulars of Passage.					
	Labourers.			Dependents.						Percentage of females to males.			Mortality.					
													Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total				Number.	Percentage.	Number	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Assam ...	370	278	651	1	5	35	36	30	758	71 75	Steamers		1	0'13	1	0'13	2	0'26
Cachar	679	453	1,132	3	7	110	56	59	1,367*	60 71	Country boats and steamers.	31	11	0'80			11	0 80
Sylhet ...	74	65	139	..	2	1	7	4	153	87 83	Country boats		3	1 96	1	0 65	4	2'61
Total ..	1,132	790	1,922	4	14	146	99	93	2,278	69'78		31	15	0 65	2	0'87	17	0 74

* 93 of this number were conveyed by steamer.

CALCUTTA,
The 21st April 1888.

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

Statement VIII.

Statement showing the classification according to native districts of residence of Emigrants registered in the districts of Bengal and Behar, including Ghazipore, to proceed to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet viâ *Calcutta during the year* 1887.

DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE.

Districts of registration of emigrants.	Total number registered in each district.	Percentage of residents of district of registration to total number registered in the district.	Original districts of residence of registered emigrants.																																
			Bengal.																							Behar.								Orissa.			
			Burdwan.	Bankoora.	Beerbhoom.	Dacca.	Furreedpore.	Hazaribagh.	Howrah.	Hooghly.	Jessore.	Lohardugga.	Midnapore.	Maldah.	Manbhoom.	Moorshedabad.	Mymensingh.	Nuddea.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Singbhoom.	24-Pergunnahs.	Total.	Percentage.	Bhagulpore.	Durbhunga.	Gya.	Monghyr.	Mozufferpore.	Patna.	Shahabad.	Sarun.	Total.	Percentage.	Balasore.	Cuttack.	Total.	Percentage.
Bengal. 24-Pergunnahs	1,956	0·51	107	145	16	1	3	226	1	19	5	55	210	..	84	30	3	22	105	2	10	1,044		124	17	168	98	36	32	190	10	615		16	16	32	
Bengal. Burdwan	341	21·40	73	28	37	...	...	11	...	3	1	...	1	2	1	7	...	...	22	..	...	186		9	1	33	9	7	7	21	2	89		...	3	3	
Bengal. Bankoora	102	74·50	...	76	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	3	...	21	...	...	...	...	2	...	102		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..		...	...	...	
Bengal. Hazaribagh	54	98·14	...	...	...	...	...	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53		...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1		...	...	...	
Bengal. Midnapore	49	61·22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	32		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		11	6	17	
Total	2,552	...	180	249	53	1	3	290	1	22	6	55	244	2	106	37	3	22	127	6	10	1,417		133	18	202	107	43	39	151	12	703		27	25	52	
Behar. Shahabad	310	59·35	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	3		...	...	...	...	1	2	184	5	192		...	1	1	
Behar. Monghyr	71	54·92	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4		...	1	4	39	3	1	3	...	51		...	...	...	
Behar. Bhagulpore	27	40·74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1		11	...	1	6	2	3	1	...	24		...	...	...	
Total	408	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	8	48·78	11	1	5	45	6	6	188	5	267	33·24	...	1	1	1·81
N.-W. Provinces. Ghazipore	14	50	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...		...	...	...	
Total	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...	.	
Grand Total	2,924	...	180	249	53	2	3	293	1	22	6	56	244	2	106	39	3	22	128	6	10	1,425		144	...	207	53	49	45	339	17	972		27	26	53	

STATEMENT VIII—*concluded.*

Statement showing the classification according to native districts of residence of Emigrants registered in the districts of Bengal and Behar, including Ghazipore, to proceed to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet via Calcutta during the year 1887.

DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE.

ORIGINAL DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE OF REGISTERED EMIGRANTS—*concluded.*

DISTRICTS OF REGISTRATION OF EMIGRANTS.	NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES.																	OUDH.							CENTRAL PROVINCES.						PUNJAB.			NATIVE STATES.				MADRAS.		UNKNOWN.	
	Allahabad.	Agra.	Azamgarh.	Benares.	Balia.	Bareilly.	Basti.	Cawnpore.	Etawah.	Futtehpore.	Ghazipore.	Gorukpore.	Jounpore.	Mainpuri.	Mirzapore.	Total.	Percentage.	Oudh.	Fyzabad.	Pertabghur.	Gonda.	Rai Bareilly.	Sultanpur.	Total.	Percentage.	Bilaspur.	Jubbulpore.	Nagpur.	Raipur.	Sambalpore.	Total.	Percentage.	Lahore.	Total.	Percentage.	Nepaul.	Rewah.	Total.	Percentage.	Madras.	Percentage.	Unknown.	Percentage.
BENGAL. 24-Pergunnahs ...	24	2	26	10	14	1	8	2	.	1	51	26	9	4	8	186		5	5	14	3	6	11	44		2	...	11	1	7	21		1	1		5	1	6		6		1	
Burdwan ...	1	11	7	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	7	3	...	...	...	33		5	...	4	...	3	1	13		...	1	8	...	...	9		...	...		4	...	4		4		...	
Bankoora ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...		...	...	...		...		...	
Hazaribagh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...		...	...	...		...		...	
Midnapore ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..		..	..	..		..		..	
Total ...	25	13	33	11	14	1	8	2	2	2	58	29	9	4	8	219		10	5	18	3	9	12	57		2	1	19	1	7	30		1	1		9	1	10		10		1	
BEHAR. Shahabad ...	16	2	4	4	26	2	..	...	2	1	42	3	2	...	3	107		...	...	4	...	...	...	4		..	...	3	...	...	3		...	...		...	...	...		...		...	
Monghyr ..	..	...	...	...	1	...	10	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	16		...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...		...	...	..		...		...	
Bhagulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2		...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...		...	...	...		...		...	
Total ...	16	2	4	4	27	2	10	...	2	1	44	8	2	..	3	125	12·24	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	2·08	...	...	3	...	...	3	1·13	...	...	0·03	...	...	...	0·37	..	0·37	...	0·03
N.-W. PROVINCES. Ghazipore	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	14		...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..	...	...	..	...	...		...	...		...	...	...		...		...	
Total ...	...	...	2	2	.	...	...	3	.	..	7		..	...	...	14		...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..	.		...		...		...	...		...	...	...		...		..	
GRAND TOTAL ...	41	15	39	17	41	3	18	5	4	3	109	37	11	4	11	358		10	5	22	3	9	12	61		2	1	22	1	7	33		1	1		9	1	10		10		1	

CALCUTTA,
The 21st April 1888.

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STATEMENT IX.

Statement of mortality among the crew and passengers other than Emig.....s on board the steamers to Assam during the year 1887.

INDIA GENERAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY AND RIVERS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHS.	Names of vessels.	MORTALITY AMONG CREW AND PASSENGERS OTHER THAN EMIGRANTS.										GRAND TOTAL OF DEATHS.
		Crew.			Passengers.							
					European.			Native.				
		From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.	From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.	From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.	Total deaths amongst passengers.	
January 1887 ...	"Sonaie" ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	1
February „ ...	"Jorehat" ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	2	2

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The 21st April 1888.

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GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

INLAND EMIGRATION.

CALCUTTA, THE 12TH JULY 1888.

RESOLUTION.

READ—

The Report on Inland Emigration for the year 1887.

The Report has been submitted with punctuality by Dr. Grant, who continued to be in charge of the office of Protector of Emigrants throughout the year, while Dr. Chandra was again the Medical Inspector in Calcutta, and Dr. Vincent Richards held the dual appointment of Embarkation Agent and Medical Inspector at Goalundo.

2. The only administrative change of importance which occurred was the revision of the form of way-bills for contractors and sardari emigrants, so as to dispense with the inspection formerly insisted upon at Mugra, but rendered unnecessary by the opening of the Hooghly Bridge and the consequent uninterrupted passage of emigrants from the East Indian to the Eastern Bengal line. It is reported also that the removal of the terminus of the latter Railway from Goalundo to Rajbaree, necessitated by the rapid erosion of the riverbank, led to a corresponding transfer of arrangements for the embarkation of emigrants.

3. The principal feature in the report is the great increase shown in the emigration of labourers recruited without reference to the Act. These are called free emigrants, though, as they are conveyed in large batches at the cost of contractors and execute labour contracts at Dhubri on their entering into Assam, their actual position during the journey and their eventual legal position is the same as that of the labourers whose recruiting and whose journey are supervised by Government. The number of these free emigrants to Assam was 21,851, as against 13,184 in the preceding year, and there was also considerable emigration to Cachar and Sylhet, as to the extent of which the Protector can supply no information.. A virulent outbreak of cholera, which occurred since the close of the year among coolies travelling by the line most frequented by these unregistered emigrants, has led to suggestions, now under consideration, for the sanitary supervision of all coolie traffic to Assam. It appears that in regard to the circumstances under which they are collected, detained in depôts, and forwarded to Assam, there is no distinction whatever between free coolies and others; so that the necessity for sanitary control is the same in regard to the two classes of emigrants.

4. Two agencies are employed for recruiting under the Act—that of licensed contractors, and that of garden-sardars authorised by the employers of labour. The former recruited 2,945 labourers, as against 2,924 in 1886; the latter 6,748 as against 10,124. From these figures it would appear that the unlicensed recruiting referred to in the last paragraph, having almost superseded the work of the contractors, is now rapidly ousting that of the garden-sardars. It is observed with satisfaction that only one license, a recruiter's, had to be cancelled on account of the holder's misconduct. Ten sardarnis were employed in recruiting females, and these are said to have, as far as is known, worked satisfactorily.

5. From the statement showing the districts of registration and of residence of emigrants, it appears that the 24-Pergunnahs and Burdwan in Bengal, and Shahabad in Behar, are the largest recruiting grounds, and that the

proportion of emigrants who were natives of the districts in which they were registered was largest in Hazaribagh and Bancoorah, and smallest, as usual, in the 24-Pergunnahs and Burdwan, where registration was most active. Dr. Grant has supplied no illustrative maps of the kind recently suggested by Government, and it is explained that the omission was due to his ill-health and hurried departure from India on sick leave. In this instance, however, a map based on the statements referred to would be of comparatively little value, as the figures apply only to the small body of coolies recruited through contractors.

6. The aggregate number of contractors' emigrants and their dependents was reduced, prior to arrival at Calcutta, by the low percentage of 1·70, there being no deaths, and the results at this stage comparing favourably with those of the preceding year. The percentages of rejections and discharges fell from ·48 to ·23 and from 6·56 to 6·10 respectively, but that of desertions rose from 8·52 to 14·66, an increase which is said to have been due for the most part to a large number of coolies absconding, in their impatience for work, from one of the depôts on the decline of the business of a contractor, who had subsequently to retire from the field altogether.

7. The depôts are reported to have been maintained throughout the year in a condition favourable to the health of their inmates, and no overcrowding occurred. The food provided for the coolies was sufficient, wholesome, and well cooked, while the hospitals were properly maintained, and the supply of drugs and other necessaries was adequate. All the coolies received into the depôts were vaccinated, none being allowed to proceed to the labour districts except after successful subjection to the operation, and the general health of the depôt population contrasted favourably with that of 1886, itself a healthy year, the death-rate showing a reduction from 2·4 to 1·3 per mille of the total number of admissions. It was pointed out in the Resolution upon last year's report that the number of rejections, although small, might be still further reduced if greater strictness were observed in the medical inspection of emigrants prior to their despatch from the recruiting districts, and the satisfactory decrease in 1887 is no doubt correctly attributed to an improvement in the direction thus indicated. During transport on board the river steamers to Assam, only two deaths, one of which was due to cholera, occurred; and the general accommodation, water-supply and sanitary arrangements during the voyage are shown by the remarks of inspecting officers on the way-bills to have been satisfactory. The mortality among coolies during the voyage to Cachar and Sylhet, generally made in country boats, was less than in 1886: but the number of desertions was much larger, the latter result being ascribed in some measure to the circumstance that emigrants in boats have to stop at Naraingunge, where they are said to be enticed away, or induced to abscond and take employment in the jute mills of that place. The remarks in this paragraph refer only to the comparatively small proportion of emigrants making contracts under the Act in the districts of recruitment, as those who execute contracts at Dhubri, forming the greater part of the whole supply of articled coolies, are not subject to sanitary supervision while in Bengal.

8. Particulars of the journeys of sardari emigrants are again incomplete, only 2,280 of a total of 2,802, whose contracts for Sylhet and Cachar were registered in the recruiting districts, having been accounted for by the receipt of 298 batches of way-bills, and no information being available regarding the remaining 522. The percentage of total casualties in 1887, as far as can be judged, was 7·19 against 6·77 in 1886, and this excess occurs exclusively in the number "left behind." It is, as the Protector remarks, much to be regretted that the way-bills are not carefully filled in at each of the inspecting stations.

9. The Lieutenant-Governor has to acknowledge Dr. Grant's efficient administration of the Department during the year under report.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

P. NOLAN,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 129.

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By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. W. C. CARNDUFF,

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 12th July 1888.

W. LeB.—Reg. No. 3439C—524—13-7-88.